

McKinnon. As CEO and chairman of Service Brands International, Mr. McKinnon is dedicated to vision, leadership, perseverance, integrity and ethics.

Mr. Speaker, this award is bestowed on someone who exemplifies the "entrepreneurial spirit" that franchising represents. A person who demonstrates innovative management skills, is a risk taker and remains active in his or her community. David McKinnon certainly possesses all of these qualities. He has spent his career building, losing, re-obtaining, and rebuilding a top quality franchise that now sets the standard for others.

Mr. McKinnon started out his career with a small company known as Molly Maid. Today, the Service Brands International serves as the umbrella company for, not only Molly Maid, but also Mr. Handyman, 1-800-DryClean, Wee Watch, Certified Restoration DryClean Network, and Fran Tech.

This award should not go without recognition. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to David McKinnon for his outstanding achievements in business and in wishing him continued success.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of H. Res. 392, which expresses our solidarity with Israel in its fight against terrorism. It is important to stand with our friend and ally, Israel, in times of stress and turmoil. While I have great sympathy for the loss of life of innocent Palestinians, I dare say that if our hometowns were being attacked by suicide bombers—no matter what their grievance—we would respond much the same way as Israel! Witness our war in Afghanistan. Civilian casualties are the ultimate cost of terrorism and the inevitable military response it provokes.

While we stand strongly with Israel, we must not confuse passing a resolution with finding workable solutions to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Congress needs to press the Administration for a resolution to the conflict. To his credit, President Clinton tried mightily in his last days of office to broker a final settlement and came very close. However, Yasser Arafat refused a deal which many leaders around the world felt was reasonable.

Unfortunately, the Bush Administration did not stay the course. Neglected, the conflict festered until the events of September 11th brought it back to the forefront of U.S. foreign policy. Now that the Administration is engaged in the peace effort with Secretary Powell as our highly competent point man, we need to stay engaged.

We cannot, however, go it alone. In an age of global interdependence, we will need constructive assistance from the so-called 'quartet'—the U.S., EU, U.N. and Russia—to help foster a deal that is fair to both sides. We must also push moderate Arab states to play a more constructive role in the region, as Secretary Powell has begun to do. Yasser Arafat

will not accept a peace agreement that the Arab world believes to be unfair to the Palestinians. Their cooperation is essential.

Stephen Rosenfeld's April 30th Op-Ed in the Washington Post suggested that perhaps it is time to reconsider our strategy in the Middle East. Endgame issues such as refugees, Jerusalem and the security of Israel's border should not be relegated to some unspecified date. This strategy has only resulted in piecemeal, and ultimately, unsatisfactory agreements. These tough issues should be clarified early on so that both parties can see the full scope of a peace settlement.

In addition to Israel's security, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia risk being significantly destabilized if a lasting peace agreement is not reached. Also, our objectives in dealing with Saddam Hussein are significantly complicated by the continued violence in the Middle East.

Thus, while we have to stand with Israel in her fight against terrorism, we also have to stand and work for peace. It is in Israel's interest and ultimately, our own.

TRIBUTE TO PAULA BARTON, GOODWILL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE OF THE YEAR

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding constituent: Paula Barton, Goodwill Industries International's 2002 Graduate of the Year.

Ms. Barton is a team leader at ADT Security Service's Rochester Dispatch Center, where she supervises fifteen people and schedules installations and service for technicians. But Ms. Barton is not simply a capable and competent worker and supervisor. She does this outstanding job in the face of daunting challenges.

Ms. Barton, who is now 27, was born with cerebral palsy, diabetes, and a learning disability, as well as a disorder that causes progressive vision impairment. Diabetes caused her to have to undergo a kidney and pancreas transplant. She persevered through these obstacles to finish her schooling and enter the workplace. Then, five years ago, she was a passenger in an auto accident with a drunk driver. The accident left her paralyzed, without the ability to walk and with only limited use of her hands.

Many people would have considered these hurdles to be insurmountable—but not Ms. Barton. She was determined to remain a successful professional. She took each issue in stride, adjusting her lifestyle and habits. She now rises around 5:00 am to be ready for work on time. Her employer, ADT, has provided modest accommodations at work, including a special desk to fit her wheelchair and a large computer screen. Her service dog, Sheba, assists her with various tasks. And she continues to win accolades for her work at ADT.

Based on her extraordinary accomplishments, Ms. Barton was selected from among thousands of individuals nationwide to be Goodwill Industries International's 2002 Grad-

uate of the Year. She met President Bush on Monday and took the opportunity to impress upon him the importance of helping persons with disabilities be active, contributing members of the workforce.

I am deeply proud to represent Paula Barton: a successful employee, a delightful individual, and a true inspiration to us all. She serves as a shining example of everything that can be accomplished with an indomitable will to succeed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NOLBERT CHAVEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Nolbert Chavez and thank him for his contributions in the Colorado General Assembly. His hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated, and I am honored to pay tribute to him today in front of this body of Congress. He will long be remembered as an effective State Representative, and will continue to be known as a leader in the community. As he moves on in his career, let it be known that I, along with people of Colorado, am grateful for all that he has done for the Colorado General Assembly.

During his four terms in the Colorado State House of Representatives, Nolbert has served on a number of committees, including his two current committees, Criminal Justice and House Services. In addition, he is active in the North Denver Democratic Party, was appointed twice to the Governors Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

Not only has Nolbert served the community effectively as a member of the Colorado General Assembly, he has also done his part as an active humanitarian. He is on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Hispanic Media Association, and is the past director of the Denver Community Development Corporation and El Dorado Development Corporation. He is a Public Information Officer with Denver Options, and is also a real estate broker. Perhaps most importantly, Nolbert is married to his wife Judy, and the two have a daughter, Hope Christina.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Nolbert Chavez has served his state well by providing significant service during his distinguished tenure in the Colorado General Assembly. I am honored to be able to bring his hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of Congress. It is my privilege to be able to express to him, and to this country, my gratitude for all that he has done for our wonderful state, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AUSTIN'S SMALL TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Small Business Week.